

**55-516. Violations; vehicles and fuels declared nuisances and contraband; confiscation; liens.** All motor fuels and other liquid fuels which are transported or carried on the public highways into, within or across this state in violation of any of the motor-fuel tax or liquid-fuel laws of this state, or without such laws or the rules and regulations of the director of taxation having been complied with as to such transportation or carriage, and all motor trucks and other vehicles and all containers and other property used in the transportation of motor fuels or other liquid fuels upon or over the highways of this state in violation of or without compliance with the motor-fuel tax or liquid-fuel laws of this state, or such rules and regulations, are hereby declared to be common nuisances and contraband, and shall be seized, confiscated and sold in the same manner and under the same procedure as regards complaint, warrant, seizure, notice, answer, trial, judgment, order or sale, sale and appeal as is now provided by law in the case of automobiles and other property used in the transportation or carrying of intoxicating liquors into this state or from one place to another within this state, and the interest of all parties in such motor fuels and other liquid fuels, and all such motor trucks and motor vehicles and containers shall be determined and concluded as is now provided in the case of parties having or claiming any interest in intoxicating liquors and automobiles, vehicles and other property used in transporting all intoxicating liquors, but such seizure and sale shall not defeat any bona fide lien given upon any motor vehicle to any dealer for the purchase price thereof, which lien attached prior to the time of such seizure; and such motor vehicle shall be sold subject to any such lien, provided the same is disclosed at the time of sale.

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